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## This is the Season

Of the year when everything is scarce and overworked wives worry over what to have for dinner. You can do no better than take the advice of an old housekeeper and get from R. C. CHAPMAN a small quantity of that fine Green Tea or if you prefer it try Black Tea or He-No Tea (he keeps every kind) and then buy a small quantity—say two or three pounds each—of Dried Peaches, Apricots or Prunes (he has some excellent goods in this line), and by the way I noticed while there the other day—I suppose he has some left yet—a complete line of goods, such as Chow Chow, Worcester Sauce, Horse Radish, Prepared Mustard, Catsup, &c., that you'll find excellent with meats.

CHAPMAN seems to be building up quite a "rep" for fine goods and I am so glad of it, for do you know it is very seldom you can find in a town so small as this such a line of goods as he keeps? Duroth of Chicago, carries more goods than CHAPMAN, but in *quality* CHAPMAN is his equal.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS BRIEFS.

Waiting until the very last moment for an invoice of paper, shipped on the 21st. of January and not yet at the depot, we are forced to divide up what we have on hand to make it "go round", carrying only editorial and local pages.

You have just read Chapman's store news.

Judge Lynch dispatches business with great celerity.

Major R. B. and Mr. J. R. Henry are in Richmond on business.

The latest by cable from Paris is that the hoop-skirts are coming.

Major Geo. B. Dunn, A. G. Norris and T. C. Harris were up from Richlands yesterday.

A few of the town people went down to Richlands, Wednesday, to take in the situation.

A rise in the price of corn, and hog and hominy will be a luxury. The American hog is on his dignity.

Happy and content is a home with "The Rochester", a lamp with the light of the morning. Catalogues, write Rochester Lamp Co., New York.

The Water, Gas and Electric Power Co. of Pocahontas, has been organized with a capital stock of \$100,000.

The Roanoke Times speaks of a certain pretty young widow of Bluefield, when the fact is she belongs right here.

There was a very enjoyable dance at the residence of Mr. H. C. Alderson Friday evening last in honor of Miss Kate Russell.

Grover crawls into his den tomorrow and pulls it in after him until March 4th. He says he must do about now by himself.

Miss Kate Russell, after a pleasant stay of some weeks with the family of Mr. H. C. Alderson, left for home Tuesday last.

If the ground hog is scared of his shadow at this season of the year he lied himself back yesterday for a more promising kind of weather.

Mr. Blaine left an estate of about \$800,000, which will increase as the West Virginia coal fields, in which he was interested, advance in development.

One Wm. Chandler was shot and killed at Bluefield, Sunday night, by a negro whom he was attempting to arrest. Chandler himself thereupon killed the negro.

Col. Charles G. Eddy has tendered his resignation as vice-president of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Co., to accept the second vice-presidency of the Philadelphia and Reading road.

Merchants are taking note of stock preparatory to spring purchases. We look for an improved business for the present year. Not the usual volume of business was done last year, but collections were much closer.

Rev. Mr. Savage will occupy his pulpit next Sunday morning, when the Lord's Supper will be administered and a lecture given on the Episcopal church and its reasons for existence. All cordially invited to attend.

The attempt to have Mr. Blaine's funeral a private one could not be carried out, and it became a public demonstration of honor of the dead. Rev. Dr. Hamlin conducted the funeral services and the body was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

A careless barber has been sued by an Illinois dude in the sum of \$5,000 for ruining his moustache. He who cuts off the head of a frost-bitten dude takes nothing, but he who cuts off his moustache takes that which enriches not the cutter, but is all the wealth of the cuttee.

Commercial reports give business in a safe and healthy condition, more especially so in the South, where also the prospects for spring and summer are very encouraging. A year of good business just now would put the South in better shape than it has been since the war.

The new store room in the Masonic building, prepared for W. G. Harrison & Co's clothing business, is a model of convenience and will admit an inviting display of as large stock as they may ever wish to carry. The committee having this building in charge have been very successful in handling all the floors at good rentals, to good tenants.

Messrs. J. Y. Crawford & Son have moved their undertaking establishment into one of the store rooms in rear of the News building to secure more room and greater conveniences. They are well equipped for their work and are prepared to attend to calls from any point.

A merchant doing business at a station of the Norfolk and Western in North Carolina had ordered a barrel of molasses and when he received a barrel it was found to contain the dead body of a negro man. The freight had evidently been mixed up and no doubt some medical class received the molasses.

The change in time of holding the Tazewell County Court disarranged to some extent the circuits of the drummers. They do not fail to get here in their usual force, but, with some of them, it is between times, when of necessity they must visit the country stores, whereas before they met their customers in town.

The work of shoveling and hauling dirt from the streets is always in order—and always will be so long as the macadam in the east end lies under the mud thrown on it several years ago. A great job, that was given time, however, wagon wheels will gradually work it up to town to be removed at heavy expense.

The Jefferson Davis monument committee has determined to remove the remains of the Confederate President from New Orleans to Richmond next May, and inter them on the 30th in the spot in Hollywood already prepared for that purpose. This is Confederate Memorial day, and the occasion will be one of solemn interest and magnificence.

The nearest calendar of all is that of Messrs. Bowling, Spotts & Co., wholesale grocers. It is an excellent lithograph of our new navy, the "Newark" bearing upon her sails the names of the individual members of the firm, including that of Mr. John M. Spotts. The whole is as elegant and clean as John's ledger, if he still keeps one.

Some commotion was created at Tazewell College, Monday, when it was discovered that the building was afire. A defective flue had given the fire an opportunity to ignite the wood work between walls. The blaze was extinguished without sending out an alarm. Once on the outside on that windy day, fire would have been beyond control in a very few minutes.

What are they going to do about it, is the question agitating the 400 of Washington City society. Postmaster General Wannamaker issued invitations to a dinner in honor of the new assistant, H. Clay Evans. Society people accepted and found out later that the department employees, including all grades and colors, had also been invited to the reception immediately following. The dinner was postponed on account of Blaine's death, but the invitations were not withdrawn.

By special request Rev. Mr. Savage will deliver a lecture next Sunday morning in his church in this town, subject: "The Origin, Doctrine and Discipline of the Episcopal Church." It is hoped that a large number will be present on that occasion, so that members of the church may be better informed as to the cause they have espoused, and that others may understand and appreciate the reasons the Episcopal has for its existence as "a branch of the universal church of God."

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.  
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.  
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.  
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

The Senate District Committee spent Tuesday morning session discussing the amendment proposed by Chairman McMillan to the House Norfolk and Western bill. These amendments permit any other roads to connect and use the new bridge. The permanent station shall be of an architectural character and design, available to the district, and it is to be for the use of other roads as well as the Norfolk and Western. The committee appears to be equally divided on the measure. Final action will be taken at a special meeting tomorrow.

The American Bridge and Iron Company of Roanoke, has contracted to furnish fifteen hundred tons of iron work and castings to the Mathieson Alkali Works, of Saltville, within the next four months. This is the company which bought out the entire salt works property some time ago, and its plant will be the largest in this country. Saltville is not our near neighbor it once was, when it was our railroad station, but many who remember it as such will take an interest in the great changes there going on.

The Headlight, in accounting for the disappearance of the late heavy snow without a perceptible increase of water in creeks and rivers, is of the opinion that the dry and thirsty earth absorbed it as fast as melted. This solution "won't hold water," at least as to some localities. Deep snow disappeared from underlying sheets of solid ice from which there was no drainage. There was more or less crust everywhere under several inches of the snow. Hereabouts evaporation did the business. The melting process seemed to accommodate itself to the capacity of the atmosphere to take up the moisture, so the snow went up and not down.

On last Friday evening, by invitation, a number of townspeople assembled in the Seminary parlors upon the occasion of a Mozart recital by Miss Hermine Bopp, who was assisted by Miss Coo and Prof. O'Neil and pupils of the music department. In Miss Bopp the Seminary has a treasure and it is a fortunate class that can have her instruction. The following program was given on this occasion:

The Life of Mozart, Essay, Miss Jennie Cutler.  
Overture to "The Marriage of Figaro," Four Hands, Miss Coo and Bopp.  
Minuet in E Major, Piano Solo, Miss Etta McWane.  
"Voi che Sapete," Aria from Marriage of Figaro, Vocal solo, Miss Coo.  
Symphony in C Major, Piano and Violin, Prof. O'Neil, Miss Bopp.  
"Allegretto a la Turca," from Souate in A, Piano Solo, Miss Alice Spindle.  
"Olsen Waltz," Four Hands, Messrs. Vivian Gillespie and Bertie Shelburne.  
Fantasia in C Minor, Piano Solo, Miss Hermine Bopp.  
"Giunse al fin il Momento," Aria from Marriage of Figaro, Miss Coo.  
Divertimento No. 1 in C Major, Piano and Violin, Allegro-Minuetto-Rondo Allegro, Prof. O'Neil, Miss Bopp.

Citizens in the West end are canvassing the matter of a new county to be formed from parts of Tazewell, Russell and Buchanan. While they doubtless have reasons of their own for desiring new county lines and a county seat at Richlands, they will, we think, find their undertaking mountain high. The Legislature would not pass such a bill without submitting it to a vote of all the people of all the counties affected. The voters outside these proposed lines would not agree to this loss of territory and revenue, even if all those within were willing to assume the increased taxation incident to a new county. It is not throwing cold water on the scheme to point out its hopelessness; for at present it is bound to meet with disaster. It has been but a little while since an attempt to make a new county of much more populous territory failed utterly. We refer to a vote taken as to whether a new county should be formed of parts of Washington, Russell and Scott. Our recollection is that, except around the proposed location of the court house, the vote was almost unanimous against. The experience would be repeated in this case undoubtedly.

The last county created in Virginia was Dickinson, the one hundredth county in the one hundredth year of American independence. It was spoken of at the time as the centennial county. There were warm times those days and a most civil war over the location of the county seat. There was, however, good reason for the formation of the county of Dickinson, for all that broad expanse of territory over against the Cumberland Mountains was far from everywhere. We take it the State would move very cautiously in so serious a matter and at least call for an expression by vote of the opinion of the people to be affected by it. A waste of revenue or an increase of taxation is not to be thought of in the present state of public finances, where such can by any possibility be avoided. The people in this mentioned territory are not criticised for their contemplated action, but we think they are premature in an impossible undertaking.

**RICHLANDS' LYNCHING.**  
Murder, robbery, lynch law, in the good old county of Tazewell! We have indeed fallen upon wicked times.

Two men from Buchanan county, Alexander Ratliff and Ben. Shortridge, exhibited money at Richlands Monday night and visited a saloon, whence they were followed by four negroes. In a very short space of time the two men were found lying upon the railroad track, their heads beaten almost to a jelly by club and hatchet. The attack had been made in a cut within the town limits and the noise made soon attracted persons to the spot, where the scene presented resembled a slaughter place. The banks of the cut to the top and the road bed torn up and covered with blood. Though unconscious and with frightful holes in their heads, the men were still alive.

The first negro to be arrested confessed his part in the crime and implicated three others.

The news had reached Buchanan county, the line of which is near, in an incredibly short space of time and on the next evening, Tuesday, at 11 o'clock, the confessing negro was dangling from the limb of a tree near the scene of the attack.

In the meantime officers had arrested two others of the negroes and taken them to the woods to escape the assembled and constantly increasing mob, hoping gradually to work them up to this place to jail. They had reached Cedar Bluff, the next station, in time for the forenoon train of Wednesday, which train they boarded, only to find it filled with determined men in search of them. On this same train, too, was the fourth negro, who had been arrested at Honaker, making his way west. The conductor, Capt. Gardner, soon found that he was not master of his train and had to submit to a stop, just after pulling out from the Cedar Bluff depot. The mob, reinforced by those who had been scouring the woods and advancing by the country roads, marched their victims back to Richlands, securing a confession from all but one and him each of the others implicated. In fact they confessed that the four were banded together for the purpose of robbery on every occasion possible. They told where to find the money taken from the men and the hatchet used. The money was not found, but there was evidence that some persons had been there already, and as the creek was muddy the hatchet was not seen.

It was afternoon, 1 or 2 o'clock, before the men were taken to the tree upon which still dangled the body of the man hung the night before and which had been guarded all this time to prevent its removal. The men were put upon horses and one at a time driven under the tree, from the top of which a man let down ropes which were fastened about their necks.

The crowd present by this time is estimated at from 500 to 800 persons, the majority of them from Buchanan county, the home of Ratliff and Shortridge.

The name of the negro hung Tuesday night was Jerry Brown. Those on Wednesday were Sam Kirkpatrick, John Johnson and Spencer Branch. Johnson is the one who confessed to the murder of Hunt and named Blow, Lambert and Harman as his accomplices. Spencer Branch protested his innocence, but the other three insisted that he was of the party.

The lynching uncovered another crime which has long defied finding out. It will be remembered that Jo Hunt was murdered and robbed a few miles from the same place and in a similar manner. One of these negroes confessed that he, Sam Blow, another negro, and two white men, Lambert and Harman, killed Hunt. His affidavit, dying declaration or whatever it might be termed, to this, was taken just before the lynching. Lambert and Harman, who once were arrested on the charge but released for lack of evidence, are out of the country, but negro Blow's whereabouts were known and officers started for him at once.

They were too late. The mob started to Cedar Bluff for him, got him, took him up Indian Creek and hung him, the fifth in less than twenty-four hours. After that the night was a wild one along the line of road, the parties going back to their homes with much shouting and shooting, many having "loaded up" after their day's work.

A party also left for West Va. to secure Tom Lambert, who is said to be in the vicinity of Elkhorn. Lambert is one of the white men whom the confessing negro said was in the Hunt murder. Harman is understood to be in Ohio.

After quiet is restored a better understanding of the evidence can be had, perhaps, but nearly every one is

satisfied that the guilty ones have paid the penalty, although but one of them was recognized by the men attacked.

Neither Ratliff nor Shortridge can recover. They were actually brain-ed.

It would have been absolutely futile for officers or others to undertake to save men from their fate. The mob was acting under a determination not to be talked by any obstacle, and had the officers succeeded in getting their prisoners away from the neighborhood, they would have been followed.

While such occurrences are greatly to be deplored, the crime for which the men were hung was such as to deserve any punishment, and the act of the lynchers has rid the country of a gang of fiends and saved the public the disagreeable duty of trial and execution.

Deputy sheriff, John Peery, up from Richlands last evening, reports the hanging of another, a sixth negro, for complicity in the Hunt murder. Sam Barnes is the name given.

**TO THE PUBLIC:**

The inclement weather has prevented us from closing out our stock as early as we had expected, and from seeing those who are indebted to us, and we hereby announce that until February 15 we will sell any article of clothing now on hand at a discount of 10 per cent. on first cost for cash. And we wish to add that all parties indebted to us must come forward and settle at once, or the same will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection. This is positively our last notice as the business must be closed at once.

Yours &c.,

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The accuracy with which Rev. Ira Hicks predicted the weather for January has led to a general publication of his prognostications for February, as follows: "Secondary disturbances, existing at the opening of the month, will end in cold on the 1st and 2d; warmer about the 5th, with rain and snow to the 7th. A cold wave will follow, extending southward, and lasting to about the 10th and 12th. After storms about those dates, colder up to the 17th. Storms of rain, thunder, sleet and snow from the 16th to the 19th. A severe cold wave will come behind these storms. It is probable that the 23d and 24th will follow, by returning cold until the last day of the month, at which time rising temperature and coming storms will be the order."

**LUCKY GUESSERS.**

New York, Jan. 29.—During the last presidential contest the Herald offered three prizes for the three nearest guesses to the plurality of the successful candidate. The first was a trip round the world, the second a trip to London and Paris, and the third a trip to London. There were about 1,850,000 guesses sent in, and of these Annie S. Berdt, of Baltimore, came eighteenth. Her guess was 369,420. Mr. Cleveland's plurality was 369,533. Other near guesses: S. F. Smith, west Washington, D. C., fifth, with 369,570; G. Noble Jones, Charlottesville, Va., twenty-seventh, with 369,384; W. S. Grammer, Norfolk, Va., thirteenth, with 369,693. The winning guesses were as follows: 369,540, prediction made on August 8, by E. P. Konzelmann, of Brooklyn; 369,518, prediction made on October 28, by Max Aarnstein, of New York city; 369,511, prediction made on November 6, by Joseph W. Gorham, of Brooklyn.

The winner tells as follows how he figured out his guess: "I thought Cleveland would be just three times as popular now as he was at the time he got the plurality of 98,514, so I multiplied that by 3. That gave me 295,532. Then, as it was his second plurality, I divided the 98,514 by 2 and that gave 49,272. This I added, making 344,804. Then I thought I'd give it another turn and I added the amount of his first plurality, 24,635. And there you are with 369,510. It was pure luck. That's all."

The Senate has passed the Anti-Option bill, and it will now go to the House for concurrence in the Senate amendments. If it passes that body and goes to the President and is signed by him, it will never be an effective law, because it is clearly unconstitutional. Congress has no more right to tell a free citizen of the Republic that he shall not speculate in futures if he wants to, than it has to restrict him in conducting any business he may see fit to engage in. The passage of this bill indicates more clearly than anything that has ever yet happened that the dangerous tendencies to centralization have progressed to such an extent in the country that they should have contemplated even the Republican party.

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